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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Thaler for the courtesy extended to Mark Benedict and Eric Ives, attorney and agent of record, on June 21, 2004. The present response to the outstanding Office Action includes the substance of the Examiner Interview.

Claims

Claims 10-19 are currently pending. Claims 10 and 15 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Non-Obviousness

The combination of Khosravi and Ryan fail to describe a stent comprising a series of structurally separate radial elements. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejection of Claims 10-19 as obvious over Khosravi in view of Ryan.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any issues remain or require further clarification the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below in order to resolve such issues promptly. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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